State	*1990-91*	
	Number of vans	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
Bihar	20	50.00
Karnataka	10	25.00
Maharashtra	6	15.00
Meghalaya	3	7.00
Orissa	10	25.00
Sikkim	2	4.50
Tamil Nadu	7	17.00
	1991-92	
	Number of vans	*Amount (Rs. in lakhs)*
Karnataka	10	25.00
Maharashtra	12	30.00
Orissa	16	40.00
Rajasthan	8	20.00
Jammu & Kashmir	13	32.50
Punjab	4	10.00
Kerala	9	22.50
Haryana	10	25.00

(c) to (e). The Plan Scheme for financial assistance for purchase of mobile vans to be operated as mobile fair price shops is open to all States and Union Territories. The Central Government has not received any proposal from the Government of Sikkim for assistance during 1991-92 and 1992-93.

Shortage of Vitamin 'C'

3495. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received by the Government regarding non-availability of Vitamin 'C';

(b) whether there are complaints also about overcharging by manufacturing of Vitamin 'C';

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the licenced capacity of and production by different units in the country at present;

(f) what is the country's present and future requirement of Vitamin'C' ; and

(g) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (g). No General shortage of Vitamin 'C' has been reported from any State Drug Controller or any other recognised institution. However, some representations have been received from some individual companies in regard to certain problems in the availability of bulk drug Vitamin 'C'. A meeting of Vitamin'C' bulk drug producers and major formulators is being called to sort out the problems in the availability of the bulk drug.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

(e) To the extent available, information in respect of organised sector units is given below:

S.No.	*Name of the Co.*	*Licensed Capacity (MTPA)*	*Production 1991-92 (Apr.-Dec.91)*
1.	PSIDC	500	N.A.
2.	Maize Products	250	N.A.
3.	Jayant Vitamins	770.5	371.73
4.	Sarabhai Chemicals	240	321.23
	Total	1760.5	692.96

(f) According to demand estimates forecast by the 8th Plan Working Group, the details of demand are as follows:-

Item	*1991-92*	*1992-93*	*1993-94*	*1994-95*
Vit.C	984 MT	1033 MT	1085 MT	1139 MT

Industrial Projects of Assam

6496. SHRI PROBIN DEKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects of Assam pending for approval with the Union Government; and

(b) the time by which they are likely to get approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As on date, 9 proposals for grant of letters of Intent for the setting up of industries in Assam remain to be disposed off. The details of the projects are not divulged till such time they are finally disposed of.

(b) There are specified time limits for the disposal of applications for grant of industrial